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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Kentarou TAKEDA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2871**

Application Number: **10/561,964**

Examiner: **Kaveh Kianni**

Filed: **December 22, 2005**

Confirmation Number: **3100**

For: **OPTICAL ELEMENT, CONDENSING BACKLIGHT SYSTEM AND
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY**

Attorney Docket Number: **053498**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 25, 2007

Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 1, 2007, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

- (1A) circular-polarization-type-reflection polarizer (a) comprises a cholesteric liquid crystal material (claims 3 or 12)
- (1B) each layer is laminated with a transparent adhesive or pressure-sensitive adhesive (claims 8 or 17)
- (1C) at least a light source provided for the optical element (claims 9 or 18)
- (1D) a $\lambda/4$ plate is placed on the circular-polarization-type-reflection polarizer (a) provided on a viewer side (liquid crystal side) such that transmitted light from a light source side can provide linearly polarized light (claims 6 or 15)

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute **Species (1A), claims 3 or 12.**

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The indication in the Office Action that claim 1 is generic is acknowledged. It is submitted that claims 4 and 13 should also be examined with the elected Species. Thus, claims 1-5 and 12-14 read on the elected Species.

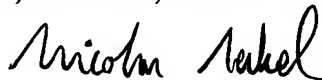
The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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